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April 28, 2022

The Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
1020 O Street, Suite 8220  
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Dear Assembly Member Holden:

**OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 2048 (SANTIAGO) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 28, 2022 – SOLID WASTE: FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS: DATABASE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Assembly Bill 2048 (AB 2048), as amended on March 28, 2022, **unless it is amended** to address the comments enlisted in this letter.

The proposed legislation as amended on March 28, 2022, would require each local **jurisdiction** (currently not defined by the proposal and possibly may include a city, a county, a city and county, and, among other entities, may include a regional agency as defined in Section 40975 of the Public Resources Code) to post on its internet website the current **franchise** (undefined - possibly may include both exclusive and non-exclusive franchises) agreements that are for waste and recycling services within the **jurisdiction** [emphasis added]. The bill would require each local agency to provide to the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) the direct electronic link to those posted franchise agreements and for CalRecycle to create and maintain a publicly accessible database that provides direct electronic links to those posted franchise agreements.

AB 2048, as amended on March 28, 2022, would impose implementation costs on a "*jurisdiction*" to request, obtain, and upload various solid waste collection service agreements between waste haulers/recycling companies and agencies not under the authority of the "*jurisdiction*" such as school districts, garbage disposal districts, State educational facilities, or other special districts and governmental agencies. How "*local jurisdiction*"/"*jurisdiction*", "*regional agency*" and/or "*local agency*" is defined and how it would be able to collect the requested information from independent agencies located within its boundary is unclear and needs to be addressed.

The Task Force agrees that AB 2048, as compared to the Public Records Act, would improve transparency by giving the public streamlined access to these agreements but strongly recommends the bill be amended to address the above concerns, the implementation cost by a city, county and other involved entities, as well as requiring all other public agencies,

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such as school districts, to provide CalRecycle the electronic links of their current and future franchise agreements.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **opposes** AB 2048 **unless it is amended** to address the comments/concerns expressed in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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